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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 24, 1999

JOINT PETITION OF

BELL ATLANTIC CORPORATION

and

CASE NO. PUC990100

GTE CORPORATION

For approval of agreement
and plan of merger

ORDER DENYING AT&T'S MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY

By motion filed on August 16, 1999, counsel for AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("AT&T"), requests an extension of time to file its testimony due to be filed on August 27, 1999, pursuant to the Commission's Order dated June 24, 1999. AT&T specifically requests that it be provided with an extension of one (1) week from the time Bell Atlantic Corporation and GTE Corporation ("the Petitioners") have fully complied with the Commission's decision regarding its motion to compel submission of certain discovery data. Such information is due to be submitted on or before August 25, 1999, pursuant to a Hearing Examiner's Ruling dated August 23, 1999.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion that AT&T's motion should be denied. We will require

AT&T and other Protestants to file their direct testimony by the appointed date. We will, however, permit AT&T and other Protestants to file certain supplemental testimony and motions after that date. Such supplemental testimony and motions must relate only to issues raised for the first time in the Petitioners' responses filed on August 25, 1999, and which, therefore, could not be addressed in Protestants' prefiled testimony. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) AT&T's motion to extend the date for filing its direct testimony shall be denied.

(2) AT&T and other Protestants may file any supplemental testimony and motions on or before September 2, 1999, to the extent that such testimony and motions relate to issues raised for the first time in the Petitioners' responses filed on August 25, 1999, and which, therefore, could not be addressed in Protestants' prefiled testimony.

(3) This matter is continued generally.